

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 MCE-00 DODE-00 EB-08 NSAE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4084  
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MBABANE 0722

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ESTC, WZ  
SUBJECT: SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR USG AUTHORIZATION  
TO PRUCHASE AMERICAN RIFLES

REFS: STATE 38386, MBABANE 492

1. PRIME MINISTER TELEPHONED ME MARCH 1 TO ASK FOR STATUS  
REPORT ON DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF ARMALITE'S REQUEST  
FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR RIFLES DESCRIBED MBABANE REFTEL.  
MR. PHILIP, REPRESENTATIVE OF STERLING ARMAMENTS LIMITED,  
WAS IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AT THE TIME AND SPOKE TO ME  
WHEN PRIME MINISTER HAD FINISHED. PHILIP SAID ARMALITE HAD  
SUBMITTED ITS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL  
"WEEKS AND WEEKS AGO" BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE.

2. STATE REFTEL OF FEBRUARY 14 SAID ARMALITE SHOULD SUBMIT  
ITS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL. ASSUME THIS  
MEANS THAT OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL HAD NOT RECEIVED  
ARMALITE'S REQUEST AS OF THAT DATE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PRIORITY CABLE STATUS REPORT  
INDICATING WHETHER OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL HAS RECEIVED  
ARMALITE REQUEST IN MEANTIME AND, IF SO, HOW LONG DEPARTMENT  
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CONSIDERATION LIKELY TO TAKE.  
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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
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